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**RE: Testimony on Proposed Bill 6194**

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrera, Members of the Transportation Committee .. My name is Robert Moeller. I am President of the Connecticut Chapter, Association of the United States Army. The Connecticut Chapter has been in existence since April 22, 1959. It has 574 members and 7 Sustaining Corporate members which include: Colt Defense LLC, Ensign Bickford, General Digital, Goodrich, Hamilton Sundstrand, Sikorsky, Whelen Engineering Co; and 21 corporate members. AUSA is a private, professional, non-profit educational organization, and is the only non-profit organization dedicated to support the Army – Active, National Guard, Army Reserve, Department of the Army Civilians, Retirees, Family members and Veterans. I am also a retired Command Sergeant Major with 41 ½ years of service, both active duty and with the Connecticut Army National Guard, and I am here today to speak in favor of HB 6194 “An Act Naming The Bridge On The Route 72 Extension in Bristol In Memory Of Anthony V. Savino”.

I knew CSM Savino for many years. He was a true and loyal friend and a fellow National Guardsman. Our military careers paralleled in two instances: I succeeded him as Connecticut Army National Guard NCO School Commandant and as Traffic Manager for the Connecticut National Guard. He was very active in enlisted personnel issues at the National Guard Bureau and Department of the Army. He was also the founder of the Annual Senior NCO Dining In, which promoted camaraderie among the various Connecticut-based military services and is still carried on today. CMS Savino was also a life member of AUSA and was instrumental in my becoming a member in 1986 and later being appointed the Vice President for Reserve Affairs, 1<sup>st</sup> Region, AUSA.

After his retirement, he turned his attention to the city of his birth, Bristol, Connecticut where he served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Bristol City Council from April to November 2005. In addition, he was a member of several Bristol veterans and fraternal organizations and was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2006.

In closing, CSM Savino, after serving his country and state with distinction for 40 years, simply shifted gears and devoted the rest of his life to serving his place of birth, Bristol, Connecticut. It would be a fitting tribute to him if you were to name the bridge on Route 72 Extension in Bristol the CSM Anthony V. Savino Memorial Bridge.

I wish to thank you for your time and kind consideration of this legislation and I stand ready to answer any questions that you may have of me.

Respectfully submitted,

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